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IAC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

Minutes

6 February 1958

Present:

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██████████ Chairman, CIA
Mr. S. Buford, State
Mr. P. Uglietta, Army
Lt. Cmdr. H. Dorr, Navy
Cpt. C. Copas, AFCIN
Col. S. Buckland, JIG
Mr. D. Shea, USIA
Mr. M. Abrahams, AEC

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CIA (Present for discussion on Geographical Exchange)
Secretary, CIA

INTRODUCTION

1. The minutes previous of the 15 January meeting were approved with the following exception:

a. In regard to paragraph 5, Guided Missiles Exchange, Col. Buckland reported that the Chairman had been misinformed on the nature of the GMIC interest in this proposal. He said GMIC was merely inquiring about the status and has no desire at the present time to see any action taken in regard to a project. It was agreed that Col. Buckland's version is the correct one.

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2. The Chairman reported that he will, in all probability, be replaced by ██████████ prior to the next meeting.

ACTION MATTERS

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1. (T-55) Geographical Exchange. ██████████ who served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee which dealt with this proposal was present for the discussion. The Chairman recalled that the proposal had been made by Mr. Percy and staffed out by Mr. Percy of the Department of State. The Ad Hoc Committee was formed in order to give other agencies an opportunity to present their suggestions. The Chairman also noted that in the present proposal, the designated areas seem to be essential to the net advantage and that some very significant areas were included. In answer to a question ██████████ recounted the pertinent experience of the nominees for the US delegation and pointed out that they were knowledgeable on the areas of intelligence interest. He also pointed out that the original itinerary had been

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25X1A9a changed to add significant locations such as Tiksi, Murmansk, the Baltic and Donets areas. He added that it was necessary to lengthen the suggested duration to 60 days since the new itinerary would call for 22 days travel if by air, and 39 days if by rail. In answer to questions [REDACTED] said that the Association of American Geographers and the National Academy of Science, National Research Council, Earth Division would be joint sponsors. For funding they would, however, probably have to rely on support from foundations, although no exploratory steps have been taken in this regard. In answer to the Chairman's question, [REDACTED] said that all of the areas would stand up well from a professional geographic viewpoint as well as being of intelligence interest. Tiksi, for instance, is the big IGY center in the Soviet Arctic. The Committee agreed that the proposal was a very promising one from an intelligence collection standpoint and should have a reasonable chance of being carried out. The Chairman thanked [REDACTED] and agreed that he would circulate a draft memorandum to the Department of State, which would give the sponsorship details and comment on the professional geographic interest as brought out in the discussion.

25X6A 2. (T-53) Union Carbide Exchange. The Chairman noted that on page 3 of the Subcommittee paper the itinerary should be designated as USSR rather than the US. The Committee accepted the view of the EIC Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals that the project showed great promise, but that a final judgment could not be made until an itinerary in the US had been worked out. It was also agreed that the Subcommittee suggestion that coordination with [REDACTED] in this exchange might prove feasible and valuable. The Chairman will prepare a draft memorandum offering the good offices of the intelligence community in approaching the [REDACTED] and forwarding tentative approval. The draft will be circulated for concurrence.

25X1A9a 3. (T-59) Anthropological Exchange. The Chairman noted that from the statement received, it was impossible to determine whether the Soviets or the US had made the initial proposal. He noted that the Air Force would have considerable interest in both the collection in the USSR and the Soviet visit to Alaska. [REDACTED] suggested that the real anthropological target will be the Chukotskiy area rather than the Kamchatka Peninsula. Cmdr. Dorr added that Navy also had a very strong interest in both the collection and defense aspects of this proposal. It was agreed that Mr. Buford would attempt to get further information on the proposal while at the same time reporting that from an intelligence viewpoint there was considerable interest in the visit to the Soviet area. At the same time Cpt. Copas agreed to determine from the Alaskan Air Command which areas would be feasibly open to Soviet travel and what the Alaskan Air Command targets in the USSR were. No written Committee opinion will be forwarded until further information is available.

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4. Naval Research Lab - Sputnik Proposal. Cmdr. Dorr reported that when the Soviets attended the CSAGI Rocket and Missile Conference, September 1957, Washington, they were shown some instrumentation equipment developed by the Navy and offered to send it up in one of their Sputniks. The implication was the the Naval personnel could visit the Sputnik launching. The Chairman pointed out that the key part of the project would have to be approved by the US Instrumentation Committee, but agreed that the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges could enter into the part involving an exchange of delegations. Col. Buckland reported that there were military implications also. Cmdr. Dorr agreed to keep the Committee posted on developments.

5. (T-54) Census Observers. The details of the proposal are still being worked out, and the Subcommittee paper was not presented.

6. (T-47) Radio Amateurs. The details of the proposal are still being worked out, and the Subcommittee paper was not presented.

7. Third Semi-Annual Report of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges and the Evaluation of the Exchange Program. The draft proposals were reviewed by the Committee. The form and general substance was accepted. The editorial and detail changes were made as necessary. The documents will be submitted to the IAC for information at an early meeting.


Secretary

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